GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN IT PURCHASES
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the irregularities reportedly made in the purchase of X-224 server of I.B.M. for integrated package specially at exhorbitant prices, illegal purchase of sub-standard quality of of software for croers of rupees in the name of computerization,sub-standard underground cabling work, security works carried out by a private company at very high rates and laying of OFC Cable by the Uttar Pradesh Telecom Circle(east);

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also aware of the fact that telephone equipment specially WLL is not being used in U. P. telecom circle(east) since the last few years;

(d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has carried out any investigation or is contemplating to do so by constituting a high-level central committee in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)&(b) This has come to the notice of BSNL through a letter of Shri Brajesh Pathak, Hon`ble MP. The letter was regarding X-225 Server and other issues. UP (East) Telecom Circle has purchased X-225 Server and not X-224 server for implementation of integrated packages. The softwares purchased for implementation of integrated packages were approved by BSNL Corporate Office. Regarding the laying of underground cable and optical fiber cable, specific route details are required for further detailed action.
(c) WLL Equipments is being used as per available resources.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) & (f) Regarding purchase of X-225 Server and the award of security works, the circle vigilance wing has been asked to investigate the matter.